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SUBJ: EASTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE:

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

REF: A. STATE 11887; B. VIENNA 430 (NOTAL); C. USBERLIN 93(NOTAL);

D. USBERLIN 46 (NOTAL); E. BUDAPEST 68 (NOTAL);

F. USBERLIN 44 (NOTAL); G. BONN 19641 (NOTAL);

HH. STATE 272446 (NOTAL)

1. AS REQUESTED REF A, MISSION IS PREPARING GUIDELINES FOR TRAVEL TO WEST BERLIN BY CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. BEFORE FORWARDING TO PARTICIPATING POSTS, HOWEVER, RULING FROM DEPARTMENT REQUIRED ON WHETHER THOSE TRAVELING BY POV WHO WISH TO TRANSIT FRG MAY PROCEED TO OR RETURN FROM BERLIN OTHER THAN UNDER FLAG ORDERS ON HELMSTEDT-BERLIN AUTOBAHN. ONE BUDAPEST OFFICER PLANS TO RETURN VIA

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NURNBERG (REFS D AND E), AND THERE MAY BE OTHERS WHO

WOULD LIKE TO AVOID TRANSITING CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY USING
HOF ROUTE CONCERNING WHICH EMBASSY VIENNA INQUIRED IN
REF B.

2. TO RECAPITULATE STATUS OF ISSUE, LATEST GUIDANCE FROM
DEPARTMENT (REF H) INFORMED EMBASSIES COPENHAGEN, MOSCOW,
PRAGUE, AND WARSAW THAT, PENDING AGREEMENT IN BONN GROUP ON
GUIDELINES FOR TRAVEL IN AND THROUGH GDR, US OFFICIALS MIGHT
ENTER GDR AT ANY AUTHORIZED CROSSING POINT (INCLUDING DREWITZ)
UNDER GDR CONTROLS. SUBSEQUENT DRAFT TRIPARTITE TRAVEL POLICY PAPER
(REF G) WOULD, HOWEVER, REQUIRE ALL ALLIED PERSONNEL STATIONED
OUTSIDE BERLIN TO TRAVEL ONLY VIA ACCESS ROUTES WHEN VISITING WEST
BERLIN ON
OFFICIAL BUSINESS. (IF ON LEAVE, SUCH PERSONNEL
PRESUMABLY COULD USE ANY ROUTE ACROSS GDR, EXCEPT THAT
BRITISH AND FRENCH WOULD PREFER THAT FRG-BASED PERSONNEL
USE ACCESS ROUTES EVEN WHEN ON LEAVE.) IN COMMENTING ON
TRIPARTITE DRAFT, MISSION RECOMMENDED (REF F) THAT IT
BE MODIFIED TO PERMIT TRAVELERS FROM EE POSTS TO USE OTHER
ROUTES ACROSS GDR, BUT SUGGESTED THAT IF SUCH TRAVELERS WERE
TRAVELLING VIA FRG THEY TOO SHOULD USE ACCESS ROUTES.
OUR PREMISE WAS THAT USE OF OTHER ROUTES BETWEEN FRG
AND BERLIN BY ALLIED OFFICIALS WOULD WEAKEN OUR CASE FOR
INSISTING ON CONTINUED SOVIET RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCESS
OF ALLIED PERSONNEL TO WEST BERLIN.

3. ISSUE FURTHER COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT, UNDER PRESENT
US RULES, TRAVELERS CANNOT TRAVEL ON
HELMSTEDT-BERLIN ACCESS ROUTE IF THEY HAVE GDR VISAS IN
PASSPORTS. VISITORS FROM EE POSTS PRESUMABLY DO NOT HAVE
USAREUR MILITARY ID CARDS FOR USE IN LIEU OF PASSPORTS.

4. AS TRIPARTITE POLICY UNLIKELY TO BE AGREED IN TIME
TO ENABLE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS TO MAKE TRAVEL PLANS AND
OBTAIN GDR VISAS, INTERIM RULING REQUIRED, ALTERNATIVES
WOULD SEEM TO BE (A) TO REAFFIRM AND EXTEND TO ALL
INTERESTED POSTS INTERIM GUIDANCE IN REF H, OR (B) TO
SPECIFY THAT CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WHO DRIVE TO BERLIN
MUST NOT TRANSIT FRG EXCEPT VIA HELMSTEDT ACCESS ROUTE
USING FLAG ORDERS AND PASSPORTS FREE OF GDR VISAS.
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5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDE
PROMPT GUIDANCE ON QUESTION OF WHETHER TRAVELERS BY POV TO AND
FROM BERLIN CONFERENCE WHO WISH TO TRANSIT FRG
MAY CROSS GDR OTHER THAN ON BERLIN-HELMSTEDT ACCESS ROUTE. GEORGE

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